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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATE MAILED MAY 18, 2005

Sir:

The Office Action mailed May 18, 2005 established a threemonth shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time allows Applicant until September 19, 2005 to file a response, since

September 18, 2005 is a Sunday. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3, Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4, the Remarks begin on page 8, and the Conclusion begins on page 11 of this paper.